

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-6 remain pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 4 and 5 are amended for minor changes. No new matter is added.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the Office Action summary that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters in accordance with *Ex parte Quayle*.

In numbered paragraph 2 of the Quayle Action, the Examiner objects to claims 1-6 for informalities. Certain of the indicated changes are incorporated in amended claims 2, 4 and 5. However, regarding the Examiner's requirement to replace "the" with --said-- in claims 1 and 4, Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement. For example, the recitation, "the active segments," is definite, the antecedent basis being found in, e.g., "which segments are active," as respectively recited in claims 1 and 4. As such, Applicants' claims 1-6 are allowable. Withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

Should there be questions regarding any of the above, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at the number shown below.


All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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